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To: All USAID/West Bank and Gaza Contractors, Grantees and Recipients

Subject: Source, Origin and Nationality Waiver to Geographic Code 941 and the cooperating country until October 31, 2007.

Dear Implementing Partners:

The purpose of this notice is to inform USAID/West Bank and Gaza Partners and Contractors that the Mission Director has approved a Source, Origin and Nationality waiver to authorize procurement of services and non-restricted eligible commodities from geographic code 941 and the cooperating country for all Mission activities subject to the limitations and other conditions listed below. This waiver allows the Mission's implementing partners to immediately purchase locally available services and non-restricted eligible commodities produced in any geographic Code 941 country and/or in the cooperating country (Israel, West Bank and Gaza) without requesting a separate waiver for each activity.

Use of the waiver is contingent upon the following the conditions and limitations:

- This waiver is effective as of the date of this notice through October 31, 2007.
- This waiver does not override the need to comply with the requirements of USAID's Automated Directives System (ADS) section 312 with respect to restricted commodities such as motor vehicles, pharmaceuticals, and agricultural products, among others listed in ADS 312.
- This waiver does not permit the procurement of ineligible commodities described in the Commodity Eligibility List which is a mandatory reference to ADS 312. The Commodity Eligibility List must be consulted to ensure that items are eligible for procurement. Separate waivers would need to be sought on a case-by-case basis in order to procure any ineligible commodities.
- To the extent possible, commodities and services procured should be of U.S. source, origin and nationality where doing so will not cause undue delay in achieving program results through the period of this waiver. After giving preference to the U.S., the following order of preference must be followed:

- (1) products of the cooperating country; and
- (2) products from a Geographic Code 941 country.

Implementing partners should document their own files to demonstrate that the order of precedence was followed.

- Procurement of commodities or services of a Geographic Code 935 source, origin and/or nationality will still require prior approval of USAID for a waiver under 22 CFR 228 subpart F on a case-by-case basis.

Please address any questions regarding this matter to me at rplucknet@usaid.gov or to Ms. Reine Joubran at rjoubran@usaid.gov.

Sincerely,



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USAID/West Bank and Gaza